



Wednesday 1 | Saudi Arabia – Conversion from Islam to Christianity is unacceptable under Islamic law, many Christian converts live as secret believers. Despite the risks, the small number of Saudi Christians is slowly increasing, and boldly sharing their faith on the internet and Christian satellite TV channels. Thank God that isolated secret believers find ways to connect with other believers online.

Thursday 2 | Sri Lanka – The majority of the students in government schools come from Buddhist family backgrounds. Therefore, students tend to get ridiculed and teased by their friends for practicing a faith different from theirs. This has not also affected the students, but their parents have also been affected by their kids being bullied at school. Please pray that the students will be strengthened in their faith.

Friday 3 | Lebanon – A Christian in Lebanon said: “Nothing is new under the sun! Lebanon is not the first country that has been demolished by its own leaders and people.” Please pray for a change in the country, that leaders and other influential people turn away from greediness or selfishness, and they discover that Jesus died on the cross for our greed and discover that Jesus is gentle, humble and refreshes their lives.

Saturday 4 | Afghanistan – In some shocking circumstances, fathers are forced to give up their daughters at gunpoint. These girls are forcibly married to Taliban fighters. Pray that God will bring comfort and peace to these girls who face this trauma. Pray for healing of their physical and emotional wounds.

Sunday 5 | Southern Philippines – When Eli’s wife died of cancer, it was a difficult time for the entire family. Eli spoke about the impact of the livelihood assistance provided by Open Doors and how it helped them during a difficult time in their lives. Pray for Eli and his children as they continue on without a wife and mother.

Monday 6 | Nigeria – In the last year, violence and insecurity have worsened in Nigeria. The reign of terror from extremist Islamist groups was focused in the North, but now it’s affecting more people as Boko Haram and Fulani militants move southwards. Please pray that the President and State Governors will find lasting solutions to the deepening security crisis.

Tuesday 7 | Open Doors Canada – Tomorrow, Open Doors Canada will present the 2023 World Watch List and its findings to Members of Parliament. Pray that our government in Canada will hear and act on behalf of Christians around the world that suffer for their faith in Christ.

Wednesday 8 | Women – Sexual violence, forced marriage and trafficking stalk marginalized Christian women and girls, often as a means of punishing and shaming Christian families. As today marks International Women’s Day, pray for Christian women who are at high risk of abuse for their Christian faith.



Thursday 9 | Iraq – Iraq is home to many churches from different denomination backgrounds, but all are seriously affected by intolerance, discrimination and persecution from local leaders, government authorities and Islamic extremist groups. Pray for more cooperation between Christian denominations and more understanding towards Christians from their communities and local leaders.

Friday 10 | Somalia – Rain has been scarce in Somalia and the country faces severe drought. Nearly 7 million people are on the brink of famine. Please pray urgently for rain in Somalia and that aid from the international community will flow into the country to help the most vulnerable.

Saturday 11 | Malaysia – Some schools in Malaysia put extreme pressure on non-Muslim children to participate in Islamic programs to expose them to Islam. Pray for the Christian children and youth that are facing daily pressure from their schools and peers that they will stand strong in God’s principles and become the light in their community.

Sunday 12 | Indonesia – Many congregations struggle to find a place of worship that is compliant with legal building requirements. Pray that God will raise up people in government who will be able to break the strict rules that have been in place for years.

Monday 13 | Myanmar – “Jesus said ‘Carry your cross and follow me.’ That is our motto too.” Thank God for Moses* courageous leadership of his church in Myanmar, especially during this turbulent time. Pray that Christians will be unified and that their presence and witness will be a force for peace and stability in Myanmar.

Tuesday 14 | Bangladesh – Christian students of converted families suffer a lot at school. They are persecuted and discriminated against by their teachers and their schoolmates. Pray that God will help Christian students act wisely and with respect and love for their teachers and schoolmates.

Wednesday 15 | North Korea – If their faith is discovered, North Korean Christians are often sent to forced labour camps, where conditions are atrocious. Please pray that God will pour out supernatural peace and strength into believers, and their families, held in labour camps. Pray for an end to this brutal subversion of their human rights.

Thursday 16 | Nicaragua – Pray for pastoral training sessions in Nicaragua. Pray that those in attendance may acquire and use the knowledge that they are receiving to nurture their churches.

Friday 17 | Central Asia – Yunus* is the pastor of a network of underground house churches in a very remote region of Central Asia. God has been faithfully taking care of him in the midst of challenges. Pray that Yunus will be able to reach out to more people and share the love of Jesus with them.

Saturday 18 | Eritrea – There are thought to be 1,000 Christians indefinitely detained in Eritrean prisons, not officially charged with anything. Pray for God to bring hope to these Christians and pray for their swift release.

Sunday 19 | Libya – While Christianity is legal, believers still face social discrimination and many Christians keep their faith secret. Please pray that Christians will be able to communicate safely with one another and be encouraged.

Monday 20 | Afghanistan – With violence in Afghanistan, many people, including Christians, have fled the country. The conditions in bordering refugee camps are poor and resources are few. Please pray for food, water and shelter for these people and pray for a future with more stability, comfort and safety.

Tuesday 21 | Israel & Palestine – Pray for peace in the Holy Land that all parties, including the international community, will work together to reach justice and equality among all people and nations.

Wednesday 22 | Ramadan – This evening is the beginning of a 30-day long fast, prayer and reflection for Muslims around the world. As Muslims seek to gain eternal life, may they encounter Christ, the true giver of eternal life.

Thursday 23 | Syria – With your support, Centres of Hope have been established in Syria. These centres are restoring optimism to war-weary people and helping them to see a brighter future. Pray for ongoing financial provision and that the workers will be reenergized to give support and compassion to those in need.

Friday 24 | Qatar – “We already see the move of the Holy Spirit in the Arabian Peninsula. God is visiting people in their dreams. God is doing miracles. God is doing healings among the people,” says a secret believer. Praise God for the miracles happening in Qatar.

Saturday 25 | Sudan – Life is particularly dangerous for Christians who have converted from Islam. Conversion is perceived to bring shame upon a Muslim family and Christian converts may face assault and violence in their homes. Pray that God will bring strength, hope and healing to those affected by violence and persecution.

Sunday 26 | Pakistan – Christians make up only around 1.8% of the population in Pakistan, but in a predominantly Muslim country, this small number of Christians is not well tolerated. Christian girls are abducted, abused and forcefully converted to Islam. Pray for protection for women who suffer domestic violence and girls who are forced into early marriages.

Monday 27 | Iran – Despite extreme attempts to suppress the church in Iran, it continues to grow year-over-year. Thank God for this counter-intuitive growth and for the many hearts that have been set free through the gospel.

Tuesday 28 | Nigeria – Open Doors partners seek out survivors of violence and abduction to help heal their emotional wounds with trauma care. Please pray for restoration for those who have suffered so much.

Wednesday 29 | Eritrea – Pray for unity in the Church in Eritrea. While some churches have gained recognition, others have been forced underground. Whether recognized or covert, all Christians face the threat of state-sanctioned persecution. Please pray that strong internal advocates will rise up with a united voice.

Thursday 30 | Yemen – It is particularly dangerous for Yemeni Muslims who convert to Christianity. Radical Islamic groups threaten people they label as ‘apostates’ with death if they do not re-convert. This creates an atmosphere of scrutiny and mistrust, even between families. Pray that Christians will be safe and that all people in Yemen can live in openness and freedom.

Friday 31 | Libya – Law and order are in disarray in Libya and organized criminal gangs have taken advantage of the lawless situation. Please pray against the evils of human trafficking and pray for an end to the exploitation of vulnerable people.

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